

From: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US
Sent: 3/16/2012 4:05:56 PM
To: "Meyer, Jon" <Jon.Meyer@WNEP.com>
CC:
Subject: RE: EPA Test results from Dimoc

Jon,

Here's our explanation.

EPA highlighted parameters in the results to trigger a review by a toxicologist and to expedite a quality assurance review. EPA conducted those reviews and found no health concerns; our summary statement to the residents notes that we did not identify any health concerns. EPA officials can explain these results more thoroughly in our meeting with individual homeowners.

From: "Meyer, Jon" <Jon.Meyer@WNEP.com>
To: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 03/16/2012 02:45 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Test results from Dimoc

Thanks for your help last night, Terri.

I interviewed some of the people who got their water test results yesterday in Dimock. They are confused by numbers that are highlighted that are above the "trigger" number for arsenic, lithium, chromium, etc. Those homeowners feel that means the water is still unsafe. Is that the case?

Thanks,

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From: Terri-A White [mailto:White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 6:26 PM
To: Meyer, Jon
Subject: Re: EPA Test results from Dimoc

Jon,

Here is EPA's statement issued this afternoon.

On Jan. 19, as a result of requests from residents and a review of the data we had in hand, EPA announced it would perform water sampling at approximately 60 homes in the Carter Road/Meshoppen Creek Road area of Dimock, Pa. to further assess whether any residents are being exposed to hazardous substances that cause health concerns.

The first round of sampling results is now available for the first 11 homes that were tested during the week of Jan. 23. Sampling results from these 11 homes did not show levels of contamination that could present a health concern. Samples from six of the 11 homes did show concentrations of sodium, methane, chromium or bacteria, but concentrations were all within the safe range for drinking water. The sampling results also identified the presence of arsenic at two homes.

Out of the 11 homes tested, there are currently three homes receiving an alternate water supply provided by EPA. EPA will continue to provide water to these homes while we perform additional sampling to ensure that the drinking water quality at these homes remains consistent and acceptable for use over time. EPA is also taking a second round of samples from the two homes where arsenic was detected, and although the levels meet drinking water standards, we will resample to better characterize the water quality of these wells. After receiving results from the second round of sampling, EPA will re-evaluate the need to continue providing an alternate water source.

EPA has offered to meet with all the residents to go over their data and answer any health-related concerns. As further quality assured data becomes available for the remaining homes, we will share with the homeowners in an expedited manner. Our actions will continue to be based on the science and the law as we work to help get a clear picture of water quality for these homes in Dimock.

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From: "Meyer, Jon" [Jon.Meyer@WNEP.com]

Sent: 03/15/2012 06:11 PM AST

To: Terri-A White

Subject: EPA Test results from Dimoc

Hi Terri,

I just wanted to confirm an Associated Press report that the EPA testing done in the Carter Road area of Dimock, PA came back showing the water meets regulatory standards.

Any information you can provide tonight is appreciated.

Thanks,

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